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## Notes from the Executive Secretary



### TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

The annual opening of school signals the end of summer, but brings a new excitement to FFA members and advisors who are anticipating another great year for our FFA organization. Encourage your friends and classmates to join with you in helping make this year the best ever for your local FFA chapter. With everyone working together to promote agriculture and the FFA, we can continue to have a strong organization that can meet the needs of all members.

Plans are well underway for the annual trip to Kansas City and another exciting National FFA Convention, November 9-12. Leading our South Carolina delegation will be Gennie Lou Capps, state president, and George L. Ulmer, state vice president. The other state officers, Patrick Settle, Tommy Burkett, Davey Breakfield and Timothy

Garrett, will be alternate delegates. Melissa Tyler from the Loris Chapter is our national officer candidate, and we wish her the best of luck as she competes for a national office. The cost of the trip including the airline ticket and room is \$243 for students from Columbia and \$210 from Greenville-Spartanburg. Adult costs are \$282 from Columbia and \$249 from Greenville-Spartanburg. The delegation will be housed in a relatively new hotel, the Comfort Inn of Westport Plaza.

Some motivational and well known speakers will be appearing on the program which is the largest youth convention in America. Talk with your advisor who should contact the district consultant of agricultural education serving your area prior to September 30 if you are interested in going to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

### TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Steve Willis

The 12th Summer Tour was hosted by the Hillcrest/Dalzell Chapter on July 22-23 with headquarters at the Holiday Inn, Sumter. Several local and state agribusinesses sponsored the tour through contributions toward the transportation, meals, and refreshments. The tour was planned and organized by District 3 State Vice-President Charles Edens, and the Hillcrest/Dalzell Chapter.

The Hillcrest/Dalzell Chapter hosted a social during registration Friday evening and a breakfast buffet Saturday morning. Stops included F.B. Creech Seed Farm, Historical Statesburg, James Brother's Cotton Farm, Garney Farms, and Edens' Peanut Farm. A delicious chicken and quail lunch was provided by the Hillcrest/Dalzell Chapter, sponsored by Campbell Soup Co. and Manchester Quail Farm.

Young Farmers had the opportunity to view several different agricultural operations and to exchange ideas and comments.

The 22nd national institute will be hosted by the Utah Association in Salt Lake City, December 6-10. Those interested in attending should contact me if they have not received information from the host state.

Our 41st state convention will be held in Columbia January 20-21, 1989 at the Radisson Hotel. Look for details in the near future. Now is the time for chapters to be completing contest award applications. Applications have been given to all advisors. Please make every effort to submit an application in each area.

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### COVER PHOTO

Cover photo shows young farmers observing grounds and buildings of the Borough home, during the annual Young Farmer Summer Tour.



# Young Farmers Enjoy Sumter Tour

More than 125 Young Farmers and family members observed a bright outlook and practices in farming during the recent annual summer tour of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers.

The tour centered in Sumter County communities, and was conducted through arrangements of members of the Hillcrest/Dalzell Young Farmer Chapter.

Leaving Holiday Inn, the caravan of buses carried young farmers for a visit to the F.B. Creech Seed Farm of the State Commission of Forestry, a tour of Holy Cross Episcopal Church at Statesburg, James Brother's Cotton Farm, the Garnay Farms, and Edens' Peanut Farm.

The F.B. Creech Seed Farm featured a presentation on a first and second generation seed orchard whereby superior trees are selected for seeds used to grow superior trees. The Young Farmers saw and heard presentations on growing seedlings in beds, propagation of Leyland Cypress, and growing containerized seedlings.

A historical highlight of the day was a tour of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, one of the oldest churches in the United States, and a walk through the grounds of historical Borough House and Plantation.

The tour then drove through hundreds of acres of irrigated cotton including the farm of the James Brother's Cotton Farm.

A stop for lunch at Ascension Episcopal Church included a feast of barbecue chicken and quail. Then it was off to Garnay Farms where the group observed a unique operation of growing, harvesting, and drying the leaves of the Ginkgo tree. Leaves are baled and shipped to France where they are processed in the manufacture of medicine.

Members of the tour found it interesting to observe that leaves are not harvested from trees but from Ginkgo bushes. The plants are kept in the bush stage through picking



**William Keels, agriculture teacher at Hillcrest High School, discusses plans for the tour with Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education, left, and Commissioner of Agriculture Leslie Tindal.**

the leaves at each harvest. Therefore, the plant does not have an opportunity to grow into trees. Keeping the tree small induces more leaf growth and also makes for easier harvesting.

More than 600 acres of ginkgo plants are grown here, and 600 additional acres are being prepared for planting, according to Dr. Cecil Johnson, manager of Garnay Farms.

The last stop at Charles Edens' Peanut Farm brought into view large fields of lush green and growing peanut plants. Mr. Edens discussed the operation and answered questions while those on the tour enjoyed boiled peanuts brought out for the occasion.

The Young Farmer Association is composed of young farmers who are organized into chapters through the local high school vocational agricultural education program. The chapters sponsor educational programs to teach improved farming methods and farm management practices. Chapter members from throughout the state come together for the annual summer tour.

"The tour provides an opportunity to share ideas with fellow farmers as well as to show progressive farming practices and new developments in farming," according to Steve Willis of Columbia, consultant of agricultural education, and executive secretary to the SC Young Farmer Association.



**Buses load for the tour.**





**Murray Montgomery of Clarendon County, retired agriculture teacher, shares a few words of wisdom with the younger generation, W.P. Lloyd of Walterboro, vocational education consultant; and James Ulmer III of Holly Hill.**



**Willis Boykin, president of Hillcrest/Dalzell Young Chapter, studies the structure of a Ginkgo leaf at Garnay Farms, as Dr. Cecil Johnson, farm manager, right, explains culture and processing of the Ginkgo plant, during the recent annual tour of South Carolina Association of Young Farmers.**



**Good conversation, table talk and exchange of information were among the highlights of the tour.**



**Mrs. Mary Anderson, of the Borough Plantation, presented an interesting history and information on Holy Cross Church and the Borough Plantation at Statesburg.**



**Mrs. Sybil Smith of Hickory Tavern, left, and Willia Funchess of Orangeburg, offer a touch of affection to the deer statute at Borough Plantation.**





**The Hillcrest/Dalzell Young Farmer Chapter organized and conducted the annual SC Young Farmer summer tour. Chapter members shown above include, left to right, first row, Sammy Burrows, Gregg Harvey, Willis Boykin, and John Weathers. Second row, Buddy Rivers, Melvin Brown, and William James. Top row, Clark Burrows, Don Shirer, Billy Keels, Will Marsh, and Mike Johnson.**



**The Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Young Farmer Chapter was one of the new chapters represented on the tour. Enthusiastic members of the executive committee shown above include Thomas Dawkins, advisor; William Ritter, treasurer; Jay Price, Jr., vice president; Ishmel Washington, advisor; Roy Hollingsworth, secretary; and John Frazier.**

## YF See 750 Acres of Irrigated Cotton

**By Gregg Harvey  
Sumter Extension Agent**

After touring the Church of the Holy Cross and the grounds of the Borough House, the tour looked at the irrigated cotton of Triple J Farms. Coker 304, Coker 315, Deltapine 50, Deltapine Acala 90 and PD-1 are the varieties planted on the 750 irrigated acres.

The land was fertilized according to Clemson soil test recommendations. Most of the fertilizer was 0-9-27 Super Rainbow.

Treflan was applied at the rate of one quart per acre and incorporated twice. The land was bedded prior to planting. Three and one-half pounds of Temik per acre was placed in the drill with the seed which was planted at the rate of 2 to 3 seeds per foot of row. Cotoran was applied preemergence at the rate of 20 oz. per acre in a 16-inch band. Eight gallons of 20-17-0 starter fertilizer was applied per acre.

The young cotton was watched closely for thrips and sprayed with Orthene as needed.

One hundred pounds of nitrogen was applied at the pinhead square stage.

Grasses and broadleaf weeds were controlled with Fusilade, DSMA plus Cotoran, MSMA plus Cotoran, and the crop was layed by with MSMA plus Bladex.

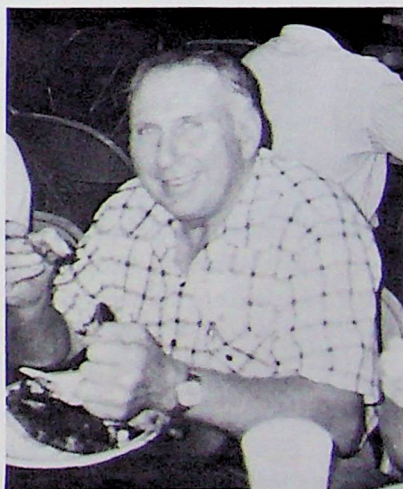
All irrigated cotton received four applications of Pix cotton growth regulator at the rate of 4 oz. per acre with 10 days between applications.

The cotton was cultivated five times. It is scouted twice a week for

insects and sprayed with Cymbush or Pydrin when 4 or more worms are found per 100 squares. Galecron is used when egg counts reach 20 or higher.

Water is applied to the cotton according to the following schedule:

1st week of bloom	1.5 inches
2nd "	1.5 "
3rd "	2.5 "
4th "	2.5 "
5th "	2.5 "
6th "	2.0 "
7th "	2.0 "



**J.B. Williams of Hickory Tavern Chapter, finds the quail a tasty treat.**



**Guess whose dressy footwear got the most attention during the arrival at the Holiday Inn on Friday night?**





**New teachers of vocational agricultural in South Carolina include, left to right, Ms. Suzanne Holmes of Thurmond High School in Edgefield County, Johnny Farmer of Wade Hampton High School in Hampton County, Jack Ramsey of Cooper River, Charleston; and Mark Wyndham of Fort Mill High School.**



**New officers of the South Carolina Agricultural Teachers Association shown above include, left to right, Byron Nolan of Barnwell AVC, District 4 vice president; Michael Haynes of Manning High School, vice president, District 3; George Morrow of Andrew Jackson High School, vice president, District 2; Fred Raines of Abbeville, vice president, District 1; Frank R. Stover, Jr., of Pelion, president-elect; Eddie Johnson of B.J. Skelton High School, Pickens, president; G.P. Jones of Byrnes, executive secretary; and Darrell Ricketts of Green Sea-Floyds, treasurer. George Ulmer of Edisto, not shown, is past president.**

# Agriculture Teachers Upgrade Technical and Teaching Skills

South Carolina teachers of vocational agriculture were congratulated for "being involved in agriculture" at the opening session of their recent annual three-day conference at Carolina Coliseum in Columbia.

Dr. Milton B. Wise, vice president and vice provost for Agriculture and Natural Resources at Clemson University, commended the teachers and workers in agriculture in emphasizing the "immensity of agriculture" in this country.

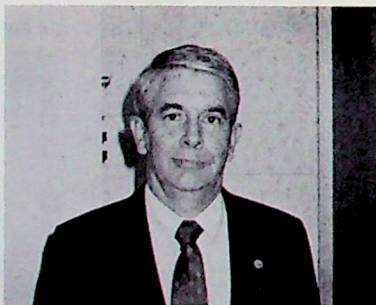
Referring to his high school studies, he said "those classes in vocational agriculture in high school have done me as much good in the career I have chosen as anything else."

Speaking on the "Outlook for Agriculture in South Carolina," Dr. Wise said "We need land grant colleges and agricultural agencies that support agriculture more than ever before. I did not see these in foreign countries I have visited," he said in comparing the progress of agriculture in the United States to

other countries.

Dr. Wise reviewed the progress of crop production and farming efficiency from early American history to the present times.

"Today, one producer grows enough food and fiber for 74 peo-



**Dr. Milton B. Wise**

ple. Today, we are the best fed people in the world, and we buy our food for only 18 percent of our income.

"It is difficult to describe the immensity of agriculture in this country," he noted in calling attention to cash generated into the economy from various segments of agriculture

including beef, tobacco, forest, vegetable and crop production, livestock, and many related areas.

Approximately 100 agriculture teachers from throughout the state participated in the in-service training conference conducted as a part of the annual conference for all vocational teachers in the state.

The program also included work sessions and technical presentations in agriscience, agricultural mechanics, community development, ornamental horticulture, forestry, agricultural production, business management-application and review of software, recordkeeping, and an environmental and natural resources tour of Congaree Swamp National Monument.

"The conference was designed to upgrade teachers' proficiency in teaching methods and materials, and to update knowledge in the broad areas of agriculture," Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education said.





Retirement honors went to Arthur A. Schlock of Newberry, director of Newberry County Vocational Center, left photograph; and Douglas A. Barfield, retired director of vocational education in Kershaw County, right photograph. Mr. and Mrs. Schlock, and Mr. and Mrs. Barfield are shown receiving congratulations from Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education. Retirement and service awards were presented by Bruce Copeland of Farm Credit Banks of Columbia, which sponsors the awards.



Willie Pearson of Darlington, and Jerry Gore of Aynor who received 20-year service awards are shown with George Ulmer, past president of SCVATA, left, and J. Earl Frick, Jr., of Florence, right, district consultant of agricultural education. J.J. Cummings of Lake View, not shown, also received a 20-year award.

Mrs. Carlin Munnerlyn of Pleasant Hill High School, center; and Barry Edmunds of Dixie High School, Due West, received 10-year service awards as teachers of vocational agriculture. They are shown receiving congratulations from Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education.

## DR. SHINN IS NEW HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

-- A new department head for agricultural education has been appointed following a nationwide search to fill that position, according to Dr. Milton Wise, vice president and vice provost for Agriculture and Natural Resources at Clemson University.

Dr. Glen C. Shinn, a former professor at Mississippi State University with a dual appointment in agricultural extension education and agricultural biological engineering, joined the Clemson faculty as the fall semester began.

At Mississippi State, Shinn won

three awards for excellence in teaching at the college level.

"We're excited to have such a high-caliber leader and educator join the faculty at Clemson at a time when enrollment is climbing. Freshman enrollment has doubled since last year.

"The work being conducted in agricultural education is critically important as we produce the human capital necessary to provide leadership in agriculture and natural resources in South Carolina," Wise said.

Shinn received his bachelor's

degree at Oklahoma State University, his master's and his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri in Columbia.



**Dr. Glen C. Shinn**



# SCFFA Convention Scholarships and Awards Highlight Activities

The 61st annual SCFFA convention at Clemson University in June featured leadership and competitive activities along with presentation of scholarships and awards in recognition of students' achievements in school and FFA activities.

Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University, welcomed the delegates at the opening session following vespers service in Tillman Hall.

Ralph D. Johnson of Nichols, and a member of the Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter, was presented a \$500 scholarship, sponsored by the S.C. Fertilizer and Agrichemicals Association. W.P. Brown of Seneca, president of the association, presented the scholarship. The scholarship, awarded to a freshman enrolling at Clemson University, will be used to study agriculture or agricultural education at Clemson University. Recipient of the scholarship is the son of Janice Johnson, and his agriculture teacher is Darrell Ricketts.

Twenty-eight individuals were presented honorary State Farmer degrees in recognition of their contributions and service to SCFFA, and in working with vocational agriculture students in educational and leadership development.

Those receiving honorary farmer degrees included:

Agriculture teachers: Al Gray of Pendleton, Donnie R. Garrett of Ware Shoals, Joe Dobbins of Pendleton, Frank R. Stover, Jr. of Pelion, Susan

Sanford of Rock Hill, James B. Anderson of Conway, and Al Clarke of McColl.

Also William R. Saffold, Sr. of Brittons Neck, deceased, and presented to his widow, Mrs. William Saffold; Charles L. Graham, assistant superintendent at Johnsonville; Herman E. Cain, superintendent of Orangeburg District 3, Holly Hill; Lloyd Trimmier of Dacusville, prevocational teacher and convention organizer; Archie Felder III of Bowman, president of SC Young Farmers; Tommy Gladden of Columbia, vocational evaluation coordinator; and Larry Nates of Columbia, coordinator of agricultural technology, State Board for Technical Education.

Also parents of state officers including Archie and Nancy Harman of Lexington; Feaster and Dorothy J. Hampton of Pendleton; Melvin and Helen Cribb of Hemingway; William and Shirley Tyler of Loris, Wendell and Ethel Shumpert of Leesville; Henry and Thelma Solomon of Furman.

Also Jimmie and Genice Elliott of Galivants Ferry; and Laten and Alice Reaves of Loris, parents of state star award winners.

## Star State Farmer and Agribusinessman

The South Carolina Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman were honored in inspiring ceremonies.

Floyd Daniel Elliott of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter was recognized as

Star State Farmer, and Craig Allen Reaves of Loris FFA was honored as Star State Agribusinessman. Agriculture teachers who worked with these young men in attaining top state honors include Darrell Ricketts of Green Sea Floyds High School, and Benjamin Hardee of Loris High School.

Recognition of these Star award winners is based upon their respective achievement in leadership and successful application of development skills in the careers for which they are training. Each was presented a \$300 cash award.

District Star Farmers who competed for the top award included Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, Jason Mack Jones of Clover FFA Chapter, and Gregory D. Smoak of Edisto FFA Chapter. Star agribusinessmen district winners included William Reese McAdams II of Pendleton FFA Chapter; James Michael Humphries of Clover FFA Chapter, and Timothy C. Graves of Estill FFA Chapter. District winners received \$100 cash awards.

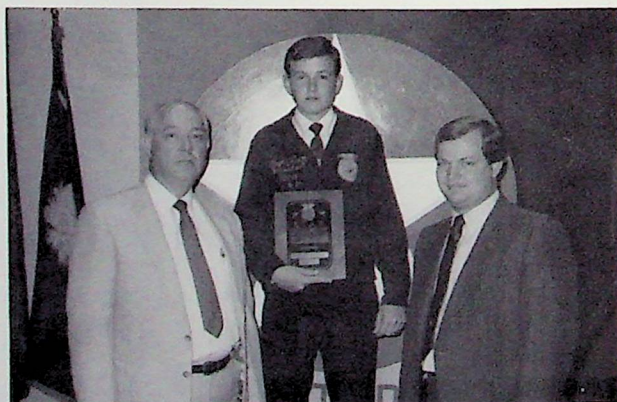
Recipients of other awards follow:

Computers in Agriculture Awards sponsored by AgriData Resources as a special project of the National FFA Foundation: Shane Bulman of Dorman FFA Chapter, first place; Steven Shirley of Belton Honea Path FFA Chapter, second; and Ralph D. Johnson of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter, third.

Twenty eight FFA chapters were



**Craig Allen Reaves of Loris FFA Chapter, Star Agribusinessman of the SCFFA, is shown above standing between his parents, Laten and Alice Reaves of Loris, who offer congratulations along with Benjamin Hardee, his agriculture teacher and chapter advisor.**



**Floyd Daniel Elliott of Green Sea Floyds, center, was honored as the SCFFA State Star Farmer. He is shown receiving congratulations from Hugh P. McClimon, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, left, and Darrell W. Ricketts, his agriculture teacher who worked with the Star Farmer in reaching his accomplishments.**



presented Superior Chapter awards in National Chapter Safety Award programs. Superior chapters and respective agriculture teachers include: Thurmond in Edgefield County, Hugh Bland; Dixie in Abbeville County, Barry Edmunds; James F. Byrnes, G.P. Jones; Blue Ridge, Barry Burdette; Andrews, Gilmore McManus; Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace; Wilson, Floyd Brockington; St. Johns (Darlington), Alex Yarborough; Johnsonville, Harmon Cooper, Jr.; Conway, Ben Anderson; Pleasant Hill, Carlin Munnerlyn; Hillcrest (Sumter), William B. Keels; Elloree, Lee Stoudenmire; Edisto, George Ulmer; Holly Hill-Roberts, James Ulmer III, Clover, Chris Edge; York, Frank Sandifer; Loris, Ben Hardee; Manning, Michael Haynes; Furman-Manchester, Drefus Williams; Mt. Pleasant, Olin Coskrey; Green Sea Floyds, Darrell Ricketts; Mayo, Willie L. Pearson; Mullins, James L. Bell; Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, William Henry Ray; Walterboro, William Wrighten; North Myrtle Beach, Tim Edge; McColl, Alfred R. Clarke; and Lexington Vocational Center, Thomas E. Harmon.

Three chapter applications will be submitted to the National FFA for the national recognition later this year.

The National Chapter Safety Award is sponsored by Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and Dow Chemical USA as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Purpose of the safety award program is to encourage FFA members to emphasize an active role in safety training.



**New officers of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America shown above include Gennie Lou Capps of Pleasant Hill, president, seated, and left to right, standing, Patrick Settle of Dorman, secretary; Tommy Burkett of Lexington, treasurer; Timothy Garrett of Holly Hill-Roberts, sentinel; Davey Breakfield of York, reporter; and George Larnard Ulmer of Edisto, vice president.**

## Pleasant Hill and Johnsonville Future Farmers Win Honors

Marlin Harris of Johnsonville FFA Chapter captured first place in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest during the recent convention of the SC Future Farmers of America at Clemson University. "The Future of Farming- To Be or Not To Be" was the topic of the winning address.

Harmon Cooper, Jr., agricultural teacher at Johnsonville, serves as advisor of the Johnsonville FFA Chapter, and worked with the winner in preparing for the contest.

Other participants in state competition

included Ray Banister of Travelers Rest; Davey Breakfield of York, and George Ulmer of Edisto.

In the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter, won first place over two competing district teams. Team members included Benny Young, Janice Moody, Michael Owens, Sonya Ard, and Steven Elliott. Chapter advisor is Carlin Munnerlyn, agriculture teacher at Pleasant Hill.

Other competing teams included Dorman FFA Chapter and Pelion FFA Chapter.



**Marlin Harris of Johnsonville, second from right, and first place winner in State FFA Public Speaking Contest, receives congratulations from left to right, Charles Graham, assistant superintendent, Florence School District 5 who received the honorary farmer degree; Al Harman of Gilbert, State FFA president and Harmon Cooper, his chapter advisor.**



**Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter won first place in the highly competitive parliamentary procedure contest. Those in the picture include, left to right, Benny Young, Michael Owens, Sonya Ard, Janice Moody, and Steven Elliott, team members; and Mrs. Carlin Munnerlyn, agriculture teacher and team advisor.**





The farm business management team from Brittons Neck FFA Chapter captured first place in the SCFFA Farm Business Management Contest. Those in the picture include, left to right, Aaron Reason, second place high individual, Ron Taylor, third high; and Samuel Haselden, first place. Jerry Pace, right, is team advisor.



Ware Shoals won first place in forestry competition. Those in the picture include, left to right, Brad McAbee, Mark Vaughn, and Ken Wells, team members: and Donnie Garrett, advisor.

## Gennie Lou Capps New SCFFA President

Gennie Lou Capps of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter in Georgetown County was elected president of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers at the closing session of its recent annual convention at Clemson University. She succeeds Al Harman of Gilbert FFA Chapter.

Other new officers include George Lerner Ulmer of Edisto FFA Chapter, vice president; Tommy Burkett of Lexington FFA Chapter, treasurer; Patrick Settle of Dorman FFA Chapter, secretary; Timothy Garrett of Holly Hill-Roberts FFA Chapter, sentinel and David Breakfield of York, reporter.

The closing session featured presentation of State Farmer degrees to 65 Future Farmers in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the study of vocational agriculture and agribusiness education in high school.

First place state award winners in competitive skills conducted during the convention, are listed by contest category as follows:

**Farm Business Management:** Brittons Neck. Team members included Samuel Haselden, Aaron Reason and Ron Taylor. Jerry Pace is team advisor. Thurmond and Pendleton FFA Chapters scored second and third place respectively.

**Forestry:** Ware Shoals FFA Chapter. Team members include Brad McAbee, Mark Vaughn, and Ken Wells. Donnie Garrett, agriculture teacher, is team advisor. Crescent and Lexington FFA Chapters, won second and third place respectively.

**Floriculture:** Lexington FFA Chapter. Team members include Joel Smith, Joe Peay, and Ben Spears. Tommy Harmon is team advisor. Rock Hill and Aiken

FFA Chapters, were second and third place respectively.

**Nursery/Landscape:** Travelers Rest, Glen Stevens, agriculture teacher and team advisor. Team members include Mark Bailey, Jody Taylor and Kevin Childs. Midland Valley of Aiken, and Lexington FFA Chapters, won second and third place respectively.

**Agricultural Mechanics:** Wagener-Salley, Allen Williams, agriculture teacher and team advisor. Team members include Joe Gatlin, Jeffery Swartz, Bart Poole, and Steve Moore. Lake City and Crescent FFA Chapters, won second and third place respectively.

**FFA Creed Speaking Contest:** Patrick Stone of Johnsonville FFA Chapter, Harmon Cooper, agriculture teacher and advisor. Will Harman of Gilbert, and Melissa Pope of Pleasant Hill, tied for second place.



Computers in agriculture contest winners included, left to right, Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path, Ralph D. Johnson of Green Sea-Floyds, and Shane Bulman of Dorman Chapter.



Wagener-Salley won first place in agriculture mechanics. Those in the picture, include, left to right, Bart Poole, Joe Gatlin, Jeffery Swartz, and Steve Moore, and Allen Williams, team advisor.



# Final Session Brings More Than 100 Awards

Sixty-five Future Farmers were presented State Farmer degrees during the closing session of the 61st annual SCFFA convention. The State Farmer Degree is presented in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the study of vocational agriculture and agribusiness education in high school. It also is based upon progress of the respective individuals to advance their knowledge and skills through related activities.

Other awards presented at the closing session follow:

Individual Future Farmer awards: Awards of \$450 each were presented to Patrick E. Settle of Dorman FFA Chapter, Tommy Burkett of Lexington AVC FFA Chapter; Floyd Daniel Elliott of Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter; and George L. Ulmer of Edisto FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Electrification: Gilbert W. Canady of Loris.

Agricultural Mechanics: Christopher Kannon Erskine of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Processing: Kevin Bellamy of Loris.

Diversified Livestock Production: Thomas W. Britton of Johnsonville.

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement: Cody Sweatt of Lexington AVC.

Nursery Operations: Tommy Burkett of Lexington AVC Chapter.

Placement in Agricultural Production: Aaron Reason of Britttons Neck.

Soil and Water Management: Gennie Lou Capps of Pleasant Hill.

Speciality Animal Production: Craig A. Reeves of Loris.

Swine Production: Brian Keith Clinkscales of Crescent Chapter.

Wildlife Management: Roger Crafton of Aiken.

Agricultural Electrification Award: Steven Shirley of Belton Honea Path, Skip Price of Gilbert, Gilbert W. Canady of Loris, and Julian K. Bair of Edisto. Each received an award of \$600 each to pay expenses of recipient and his agriculture teacher to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this fall.

Cooperative Program Awards, sponsored by SC Farmer Cooperative Council and SCFFA, and presented by Jack T. Black of Greenville, executive secretary of SC Farmer Cooperative Council; Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter, Darrell Ricketts, advisor, state winner.

District winners included Anderson

AVC FFA Chapter, B.F. Wyatt, advisor; Clover, Chris Edge, advisor; Green Sea Floyds, Darrell Ricketts, advisor; and Holly Hill-Roberts, James Ulmer III, advisor.

Loris FFA Chapter, Benjamin Hardee, advisor, won the Governor's Citation Award in the "Building Our American Communities" competition.

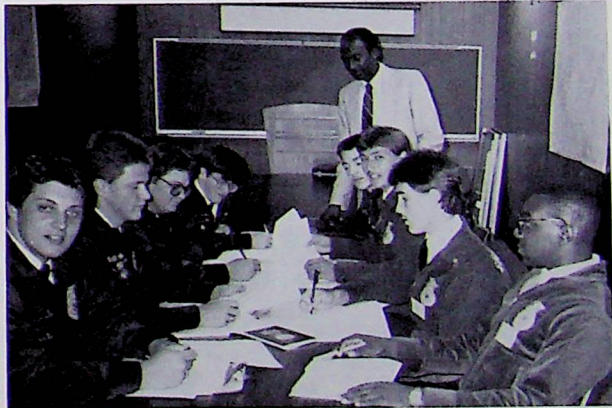
Individual BOAC winner was Kevin Bellamy of Loris.

Gold emblem winners in BOAC projects included Loris, Clover, Furman-Manchester, Central, Pleasant Hill, and Mt. Pleasant. BOAC awards were presented by Jan Lovell of Columbia, chief, Farmer Programs in Farmers Home Administration.

Thirty-five chapters were presented Superior Chapter awards.

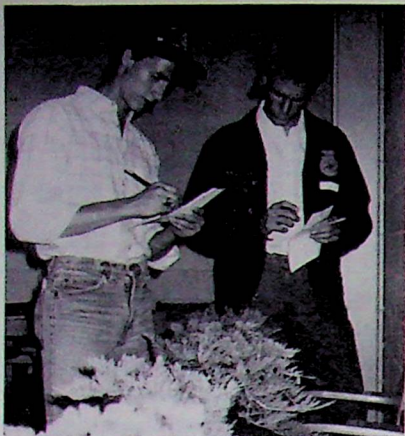


**Ten of the 28 individuals who received Honorary State Farmer degrees are shown above. They include left to right, seated, Larry Nates of Columbia, Tommy Gladden of Columbia, Mrs. William R. Saffold of Britttons Neck, and James B. Anderson of Conway. Second row, Lloyd Trimmier of Dacusville, Al Gray of Pendleton, Donnie R. Garrett of Ware Shoals, Joe Dobbins of Pendleton, Frank R. Stover, Jr. of Pelion, and Charles L. Graham of Johnsonville,**



**State FFA officer candidates are shown in left photograph suspensefully waiting outside the interview room, while the interview committee, right photo prepare to select new officers. They include, left to right, around the table Grey Weisner of Wade Hampton in Greenville, Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path, Ricky Stone of Aiken, Jimmy Stubbs of Latta, Will Harman of Gilbert, Larry Brown of Pelion, Jeff Mishoe of Loris, and Monroe Rhodes, Jr. of Walterboro. Standing, background is W.P. Lloyd of Walterboro, committee advisor.**

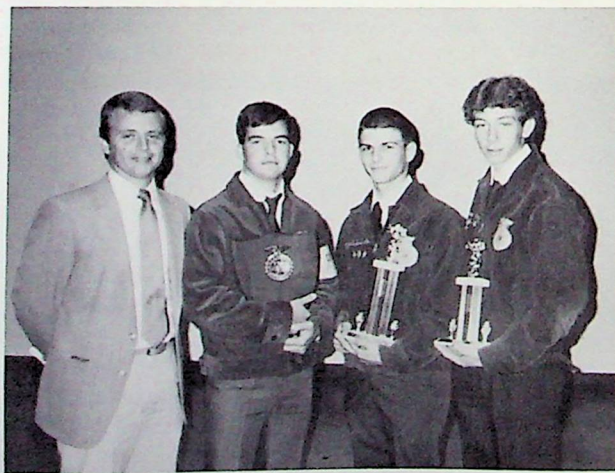




Many of the Future Farmers who participated in the floriculture, and nursery/landscape contests are shown in competition on this page. Two of the winning teams are shown below.



Travelers Rest FFA was first place in FFA Nursery/Landscape. Team members include, left to right, Glenn Stevens, advisor; Kevin Childs, Jody Taylor, and Mark Bailey, first high individual in the state.



The floriculture team from Lexington Vocational Center captured first place in the FFA Floriculture Contest. Those in the picture include, left to right, Tommy Harmon, advisor, Joe Peay, Joel Smith, and Ben Spears, team members.



# "We Must All Mature As One"

"We must all mature as one," Wayne Barrett, president of the Clemson Collegiate FFA Chapter, emphasized in speaking to Future Farmers at the 61st annual State FFA Convention.

Mr. Barrett compared the attainment of knowledge and education in agriculture as the "pollen" that develops within each individual the career skills and character that contributes to a mature and whole individual.

## Eddie Johnson Is SCVATA President

Eddie Johnson, agriculture teacher at B.J. Skelton Career Center in Pickens County, was elected president of the South Carolina Agricultural Teachers' Association at the recent summer conference of agriculture teachers in Columbia. He succeeds George Ulmer of Edisto.

Other new officers include Frank Stover, Jr. of Pelion, president elect; and District Vice Presidents Fred Raines of Abbeville, District 1; George Morrow of Andrew Jackson High School, District 2; Michael Haynes of Manning, District 3, and Byron Nolan of Barnwell, District 4.

G.P. Jones of Byrnes was elected executive secretary; and Darrell Ricketts of Green Sea-Floyds, treasurer.

He continued that "when the pollen is blown from the tassel to the corn plant by the wind and lands on the silk it sends out a tiny pollen tube that grows down the silk to an egg cell in the tiny kernel. As the egg cell grows, the whole kernel becomes the seed.

"Therefore, each pollen grain is responsible for one kernel in every ear of corn.

"If corn is to be sold to the consumer as an exceptional product, each ear of corn must have as many good quality kernels as possible.

"For me to look across this assembly of young men and women, my expectations are unlimited because we, the Future Farmers of America, are the pollen grains on the tassels of agriculture. As each of us begin our careers in agriculture and travel down the young kernels, we all must grow and mature together as one. Combining all our efforts and talents together to become whole kernels are necessary for our effectively working together in the many areas of agriculture," Mr. Barrett continued.

Mr. Barrett especially emphasized the studies in agriculture at Clemson University as providing the pollen in the

development of mature individuals trained for careers in agriculture.

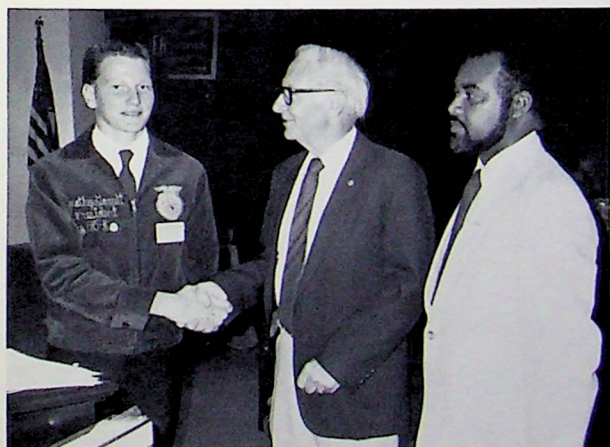
A graduate of Walhalla High School, he is an agriculture economics major at Clemson.



Wayne Barrett uses an ear of corn to illustrate personal and career development in agriculture.



Patrick Stone of Johnsonville FFA Chapter, first place in the SCFFA Creed Speaking contest, receives congratulations from Harmon Cooper, Jr., his agriculture teacher.



Timothy Garrett of Holly Hill-Roberts who was named to attend the American Institute of Cooperative in Rochester, N.Y. last July receives congratulations from Jack T. Black of Greenville of the SC Farmer Cooperative Council, and James Ulmer, his chapter advisor.



Loris FFA Chapter was presented the Governor's Citation award in the BOAC Program. Kevin Bellamy of Loris, high individual winner, center; and Benjamin Hardee, advisor of Loris Chapter, right, receives congratulations from Hugh P. McClimon, state supervisor of agricultural education, left.



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